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## Marine Corps Installations Pacific activates

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CAMP FOSTER — Marine Corps Installations Pacific was activated, and Marine Corps Bases Japan deactivated, in a ceremony on the parade field of building 1 here Sept 30.

MCIPAC, headquartered in Okinawa, will oversee and manage all Marine Corps installations in the Pacific region to include Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, MCAS Iwakuni, Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji on mainland Japan, MCB Hawaii and Camp Mujuk in the Republic of Korea.

MCBJ was deactivated after a Headquarters Marine Corps decision to realign installation commands to optimize support to Marine Corps operating forces and tenant commands.

MCIPAC will implement policies, develop regional strategies and plans, prioritize resources, and provide services, direction and oversight to all Marine Corps  
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**Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, commanding general of Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, and newly appointed commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Pacific, speaks during the ceremony held to activate MCIPAC and deactivate Marine Corps Bases Japan at building 1 on Camp Foster Sept. 30. The reorganization of the MCIPAC regional headquarters in Okinawa, to exercise command over all Marine Corps installations and bases in the Pacific, includes Marine Corps Bases Camp Butler and Hawaii, Combined Arms Training Center Fuji, Marine Corps Air Stations Futenma and Iwakuni, and Camp Mujuk in the Republic of Korea. Photo by Cpl. John T. Kennicutt**

## CFC-0 kicks off

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CAMP FOSTER — The Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas launched its 2011 campaign worldwide Oct. 3 in an effort to raise money for more than 2,400 charitable organizations.

The campaign, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, is an authorized solicitation of federal employees in the workplace and is designed to raise funds on behalf of a wide range of approved charities.

The CFC is composed of local campaigns that organize annual fund-raising efforts in federal workplaces in the U.S. and abroad.

Through the CFC-O, Department of Defense employees and military personnel stationed overseas have the opportunity to contribute to programs that will directly  
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## Aviation Combat Element embarks, brings aerial assets to 31st MEU

Petty Officer 3rd Class Linda S. Swearingen

USS ESSEX PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PHILIPPINE SEA — After completing the onload of the ground elements of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit at the White Beach Port Facility, the amphibious assault ship USS Essex began embarking aircraft from the MEU's aviation combat element Sept. 27.

The fly-on of the aircraft from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 marks the final stage of the onload of the 31st MEU on the Essex.

"It is great to have all the elements of the 31st MEU on board, including the ACE,"

said Navy Capt. David Fluker, Essex commanding officer. "The ACE brings capabilities that are essential to performing a wide variety of missions, including support for full spectrum combat operations, as well as humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. I look forward to working with them as we conduct our patrol in this region."

Essex, together with the amphibious dock landing ship USS Germantown and the amphibious transport dock USS Denver, will work with the MEU to conduct an amphibious certification exercise off the coast of Okinawa.

"This is the second fly-on for the ACE  
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# Columbus Day Message

Christopher Columbus is a national symbol of determination and courage. Against all odds, he achieved results greater than anyone expected. His exploration of the "new world" brought America to the attention of Europe, and his courageous spirit led to the birth of our great nation.

Marines exercise this same spirit by preserving our country's freedoms. Every day, Marines step out boldly to answer the nation's call, which has led to major developments in amphibious doctrine and expeditionary capabilities.

This Columbus Day, remember Christopher Columbus' daring actions. He did not allow insurmountable odds to limit his achievements, our nation never has and neither should you. Step out with honor, courage and commitment, and continue the fine tradition of Columbus, our nation and our Corps.

This year, the liberty period for III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Installations Pacific military personnel located on Okinawa commences at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 6 and ends at 7:30 a.m. Oct. 11. For III MEF and MCIPAC military personnel located on mainland Japan and in Hawaii the period commences at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 7 and ends at 7:30 a.m. Oct. 12.

Supervisors of U.S. civilian appropriated-fund employees in Japan and Hawaii may permit liberal leave procedures for their employees if mission and workload permit. The observed holiday for all civilian employees on Okinawa, U.S. and Japanese, is Oct. 10. A liberal leave policy will be in effect Oct. 7 in Okinawa. The observed holiday for all civilian employees, on mainland Japan and Hawaii, U.S. and Japanese, is Oct. 10. A liberal leave policy will be in effect on mainland Japan and Hawaii on Oct. 11.

Please take care of each other and hold strong to our values of honor, courage and commitment during this holiday. We are ambassadors here in Japan and in Hawaii, and it is our responsibility to continue to uphold the high standards and ideals of the Marine Corps, both on and off duty.

Semper Fidelis,  
Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr.



## AROUND THE CORPS



Maj. John R. Bitonti II helps his son try out the latest weapon technology on display during the Modern Day Marine Military Exposition at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., Sept. 29. Although many of the products were not currently in use by the Corps, the exposition gave vendors the opportunity to promote their products to Marines. Bitonti is assigned to Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. Photo by Lance Cpl. Daniel A. Wetzel



Joint Sustainment Academy Southwest director Maj. Andrew Martinez congratulates a student of the Protective Security Detail course during a graduation ceremony at Camp Leatherneck, Helmand province, Sept. 29. The PSD course taught a variety of skills to help prepare them to thwart assassination attempts of the officials they will be protecting, including close-quarter marksmanship, battle tactics, tactical driving and protective security formations.

Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew Snodgrass



An MV-22 Osprey with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161 prepares to land on the USS Makin Island Oct. 3. The 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked the USS Makin Island, the USS New Orleans and the USS Pearl Harbor in San Diego Sept. 28 and is participating in its final exercise before deploying in November.

Photo by Cpl. Tommy Huynh

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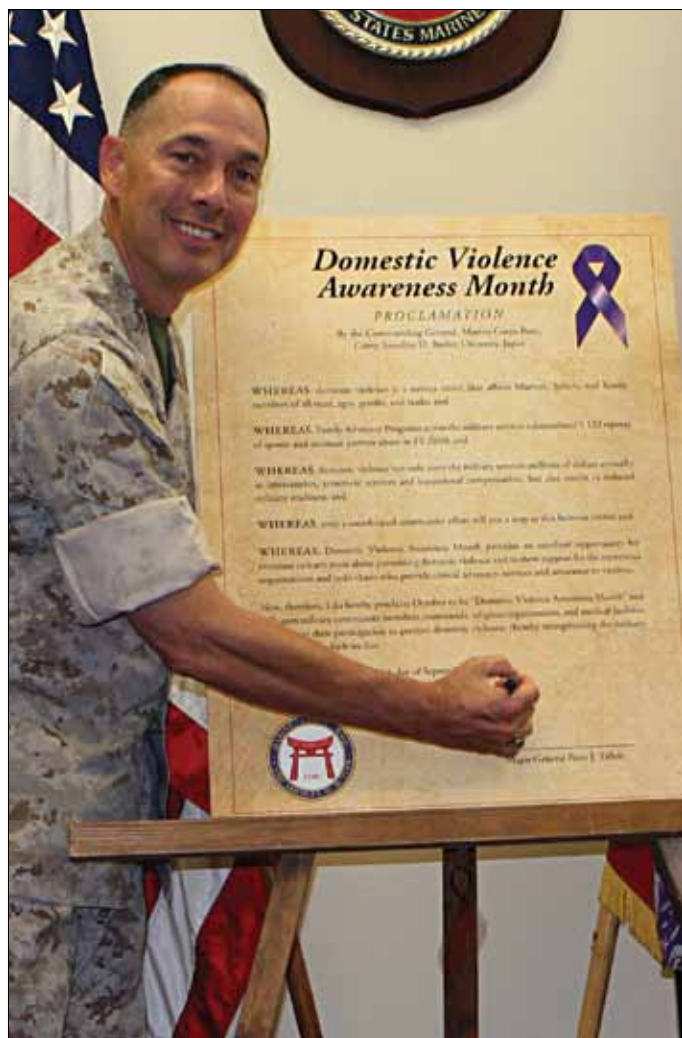
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# Talleri signs domestic violence proclamation



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**CAMP FOSTER** — The Marine Corps Community Services Counseling and Advocacy Program held its annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation signing with Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Pacific and Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, here Sept. 28.

The signing is held each October to promote interest in domestic violence prevention among Marines and sailors island-wide.

“Domestic Violence Awareness Month is nationally recognized, and we hold this proclamation signing to stress the importance of promoting the need to prevent domestic violence,” said Rachel C. DiStefano, victim advocate, Counseling and Advocacy program, Camp Foster.

The Counseling and Advocacy program is also holding a self-defense workshop at Gunners Gym here Oct. 15, and an Awareness Day at the Camp Foster Exchange Oct. 29, in hopes of spreading the word about Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Research has shown that incidents of domestic violence are decreasing through education about available resources, said DiStefano.

Those resources include chaplains, victim advocacy programs, counseling, the Marine Corps Family Team Building program and life consultants.

“In my opinion the best way to prevent incidents is to get out and do things as

a family from the very beginning,” said DiStefano. “Going out to family dinners and visiting foreign attractions together is a great way to strengthen family bonds and relieve stress.”

While educating service members about how to prevent domestic violence is a top priority, it is just as important to know how to report an incident if one should occur.

“There are two ways of reporting a domestic-violence incident,” said Jean Claffey, director of the Counseling and Advocacy program on Camp Foster. “Victims can file restricted or unrestricted reports.”

A restricted report must be reported to a mental health clinic, victim advocate, medical clinic or chaplain, and provides victims the opportunity for counseling and help without getting their command involved. An unrestricted report may initiate a full investigation by the victim’s command and law enforcement.

DiStefano said that while most domestic violence victims are believed to be women, it is important to be aware that men are also at risk.

“Research shows that 1.5 million women in the U.S. are assaulted each year compared to 850,000 men,” said DiStefano. “It is important to realize that research also shows that male incidents are under-reported.”

For more information, call the Counseling and Advocacy program at 645-2915, The National Domestic Abuse Hotline at 800-799-SAFE, or visit [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com).

**Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Pacific and Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, signs the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation with members of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Provost Marshal’s Office and the Counseling and Advocacy Program on Camp Foster Sept. 28. Photo by Lance Cpl. Brianna Turner**

## Budget wisely due to fluctuating cost-of-living allowance

Compiled by American Forces Press Service and Okinawa Marine Staff

**WASHINGTON** — The Office of the Secretary of Defense is reminding service members stationed overseas to leave out their cost-of-living allowance when planning their personal budgets, due to fluctuations in the rate.

The cost-of-living allowance, or COLA, is paid to those stationed outside of the continental U.S. to offset costs abroad. It is routinely affected by the economy and fluctuates from pay period to pay period, Pentagon spokeswoman Eileen Lainez said. Many service members will see a reduction in this month’s payment, reflected in their mid-October paychecks, she said.

With that in mind, department officials say it is a good time to remind people to plan their budgets around what they can afford without the COLA.

About 260,000 service members at 600 locations worldwide receive the allowance, which is based on rank, years of service, location and numbers of dependents, she said. The State Department manages the COLA of federal civilians overseas.

The value of the dollar against foreign currency, changes in prices of goods and services and changes in the amount spent on “COLA-type” items, such as food, household goods and transportation, cause fluctuations in the pay, Lainez said.

As an example, she said, an E-6 with three dependents in Yokota, Japan, saw increases of his COLA pay of \$26 in July, \$56 in August and \$27 in September, but will see a decrease of about \$30 in October, as fluctuations continue.

In Okinawa, a service member with the same rank and number of dependents would see an increase of \$28 in July, \$27 in August, \$28 in September and a decrease of \$10 in October, according to the defense travel website.

### — COLA Calculator —

<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/colaCalc.cfm>

“We continue to stress to service members that because of the fluctuation, fixed expenses, such as rent and car payments, should be based on what service members can afford without the COLA,” she said.

There are many financial-planning and budgeting resources available to service members stationed on Okinawa.

“Attending the Money Management Workshop at the Personal Services Centers on island can help service members learn more about how to save money,” said Anthony Green, a personal financial management specialist at the Marine Corps Community Services’ PSC on Camp Foster.

In order to compensate for the decrease in COLA, service members should spend their money more prudently and cut back on unnecessary spending, said Green.

“Service members should use coupons offered by vendors to offset cost, shop around, and cut out impulse buying,” said Green.

Another way to start preparing for the fluctuations is to track all spending.

“Service members can track their spending by writing down what they buy and see what is necessary for daily living and what they can cut back on,” said Green.

During the most recent data collection period, service members bought less expensive goods and services and spent less money on items, such as food, clothing and auto insurance, affecting the COLA rate, Lainez said.

To learn more about COLA and other allowances, visit the Defense Travel Management Office website at: <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/allowances.cfm> or your camp’s PSC.

**BRIEFS****MMOA VISIT**

Monitors from Headquarters Marine Corps Manpower Management Officer Assignments will be on island Oct. 11-13 to meet with officers concerning the duty assignment process.

MMOA personnel will conduct briefs Oct. 11 at 8 a.m. at the Camp Foster theater for ground officers with interviews following at the Joint Reception Center classroom in building 494, and the Futenma theater for air officers with interviews following at the MCAS Futenma dining facility.

For more details, call 622-7724 or 645-9045 or e-mail [thomas.sukalski@usmc.mil](mailto:thomas.sukalski@usmc.mil) or [jesus.espinoza1@usmc.mil](mailto:jesus.espinoza1@usmc.mil).

**MAMMOGRAMS ON MONDAYS**

The U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa is offering mammogram screenings with no referrals necessary Mondays during October in observation of Breast Health Month.

The target audience for this offer is women over 40 who have not had their annual mammogram, or who have never had one.

To schedule an appointment, call 643-7033.

**UNIFORMED VICTIM ADVOCATE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COORDINATOR TRAINING**

Uniformed victim advocate and sexual assault response coordinator training will be held Oct. 24-28 at the Camp Courtney Staff Noncommissioned Officer Lounge Conference Room from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each squadron or battalion is required to have a minimum of two UVAs.

This training is open to all Marine Corps and U.S. Naval Hospital uniformed personnel.

To sign up for the training, e-mail [sunny.street@usmc.mil](mailto:sunny.street@usmc.mil) and provide name, rank, unit and e-mail address.

**CAMP FOSTER FRIGHT NIGHT**

Camp Foster will host its 6th Annual Foster Fright Night Oct. 28-29. The Halloween festivities, including a haunted house, will be held on Camp Foster in the vicinity of building 5965. Camp Services is currently accepting reservations for rooms in the haunted house and booths and is also looking for volunteers to assist.

For more details or to volunteer, e-mail [tsugihiro.fujita.ja@usmc.mil](mailto:tsugihiro.fujita.ja@usmc.mil) or [minako.nakamoto.ja@usmc.mil](mailto:minako.nakamoto.ja@usmc.mil) and specify "volunteer," "haunted house" or "booth" in the subject line.

**TOTAL CONTROL ADVANCED RIDER CLINIC**

Lee Parks Total Control Advanced Rider Clinic is returning to Okinawa Nov. 2-3 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at building 908 on Kadena Air Base, followed by a motorcycle safety standown presentation Nov. 4 at the Camp Foster Theater.

To sign up, contact call 634-2450 or e-mail [pgreen@capefox-ps.com](mailto:pgreen@capefox-ps.com) or [tsutomu.yamashiro.jp.ctr@kadena.af.mil](mailto:tsutomu.yamashiro.jp.ctr@kadena.af.mil).

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# JGSDF visits medical simulation center

**Lance Cpl. Alyssa N. Hoffacker**

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CAMP HANSEN — The sergeant major of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, Warrant Officer Ichiro Shimizu, visited III Marine Expeditionary Force's Tactical Medical Simulation Center here Sept. 29.

Shimizu, accompanied by assistant sergeant major of the JGSDF, Warrant Officer Tatsuya Miura; sergeant major of the 15th Brigade, Warrant Officer Yukio Uema; and assistant sergeant major of the 15th Brigade, Master Sgt. Atushi Yonamine, visited the center in hopes of establishing a similar medical-training facility for their forces.

The JGSDF would be better medically prepared for disasters if we had access to a medical facility like the TMSC, said Shimizu.

The instructors from the TMSC train students in medical care typically needed in a combat environment.

"Eliminating preventable deaths on the battlefield," is the newly adopted slogan of TMSC, said Mark J. Kane, deputy director of the center.

There are two courses offered at the center — the Combat Lifesaver Course and the Tactical Combat Casualty Care Course, said Kane.

"The Combat Lifesaver Course is designed for any student; one does not need a medical background," said Kane. "The three-day course teaches hemorrhage control, airway management and



**Warrant Officer Ichiro Shimizu, the sergeant major of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, checks the pulse of a simulation dummy used during training at the Tactical Medical Simulation Center on Camp Hansen Sept. 29, while Mark J. Kane, deputy director of the center explains the capabilities of the dummy. The dummy, which is electronically controlled, can talk, breathe and make human noises as if it were severely wounded.**

Photo by Lance Cpl. Alyssa N. Hoffacker

bandaging of a sucking-chest wound."

The Tactical Combat Casualty Course is for those already in the medical field. This course is five days long and involves more complex medical-care procedures, said Kane.

"Both courses are completed with a hands-on test, where students enter a (smoke-filled) room that is set up as if a bomb had gone off," said Kane. "We create the test environment to be similar to real life. The room is filled with the sounds, smell and touch of war, which helps the students believe it's real."

Using a simulated environment, students have a greater amount of retention than they would with a

written exam, said Kane.

"Students fill out a survey on the courses, and all comments are positive," said Kane. "They often say that the environment and skills we taught stick with them, and they feel more confident for combat."

The center was built in May 2010 and since then 1,200 Marines, 150 sailors and 130 army soldiers have attended courses there.

Shimizu hopes to add such medical simulations to the training his troops receive.

"Conditioning the body for combat is very important," said Shimizu. "It is equally important to have medical knowledge, and I am hoping to add this to the mindset of the (JGSDF)."

## Spin-a-thon raises cancer awareness

**Lance Cpl. Matheus J. Hernandez**

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CAMP COURTNEY — All around the world, organizations host events to raise awareness for cancer. At the IronWorks Fitness Center here, Marine Corps Community Services Health Promotion hosted an event Oct. 1 to raise awareness for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer.

For several hours, service members and their families participated in a spin-a-thon to contribute to the cause. They participated in an exercise class using special stationary exercise bicycles. The class focused on endurance, strength, intervals and recovery.

"The motivation for the event was to bring awareness to the cause," said Shirley S. Beasley-Posey, a wellness educator with MCCA Health Promotion. "It's one of the many special promotions that we offer on each camp throughout the year."

"I think what (motivates) people to attend these events is getting fit while getting a lot of information about the cause," said Beasley-Posey.

Aicha West, a spin instructor for MCCA Health

Promotion, explained why she enjoyed the event.

"My mother is a breast cancer survivor and it runs in my family, so anytime there are any events of this type, I jump on it," said West. "It's a good way of spreading awareness throughout the community and on Okinawa."

West had the opportunity to participate in the spin-a-thon last year and really enjoyed it.

"Spin is an awesome workout. It gets your heart pumping, builds your lower body strength, and burns tons of calories," said Beasley-Posey.

"I really enjoy being an instructor because we always get a good turnout," said West. "(Participants) come out motivated, wearing some kind of pink or purple, and it's just a good time."

MCCA plans on hosting another event to support increased awareness of cancer in the coming month.

"Everyone will have one more chance to come out and celebrate breast cancer awareness," said Beasley-Posey. "We are having a Zumba Extravaganza Oct. 29 at the Foster Fieldhouse."

For information about future events, contact the MCCA Health Promotion office at 645-3910.



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improve the quality of life of overseas military communities, according to the CFC-O website.

The CFC was established in 1961 after President John F. Kennedy authorized the United States Civil Service Commission to develop guidelines and regulate fundraising in the federal service.

Years later, the program has continued to progress and is now the largest workplace charitable fundraiser in the world.

The Fall 2010 CFC-O campaign raised approximately \$13.8 million.

The goal of this year's campaign, is to achieve 100 percent contact among qualified potential contributors, said Capt. Christopher M. Eyre, a community area project officer for the CFC-O and the plans and operations officer for G-4 Supply and Logistics, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

Recently, units across III Marine Expeditionary Force and MCIPAC have gathered in celebration of the start of the 2011 campaign.



**From left to right, Sgt. Maj. Lawrence P. Fineran, 3rd Marine Logistics Group sergeant major, Brig. Gen. Craig C. Crenshaw, commanding general of the MLG, and Command Master Chief Eric S. Anderson, command master chief of the MLG, sign pledge forms to donate to the Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas at the 3rd MLG CFC-O kick-off event on Camp Foster Sept. 30. The program, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, raises funds for more than 2,400 approved charities. The 2011 campaign, which launched Oct. 3, will run through Dec. 2.**

*Photo by Lance Cpl. Courtney G. White*

3rd Marine Logistics Group, a part of III Marine Expeditionary Force, kicked off the 2011 campaign Sept. 30 with a motivational formation run, cake cutting and donation pledges from senior members of the command.

"The 3rd MLG sergeant major, command master chief and I all donated to our favorite charities," said Brig. Gen. Craig C. Crenshaw, the commanding general of 3rd MLG. "We want to show the Marines and sailors how committed

we are to supporting the CFC-O."

Other units celebrating the commencement of this year's campaign included Marine Corps Base and the 3rd Marine Division.

"The CFC-(O) is another way of stepping forward

and helping our nation," said Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Padilla, the commanding general of 3rd Marine Division. "You can pick exactly where your donation will go, so I ask you, in the finest tradition of our Marine Corps and Navy, to step forward and make a difference."

The CFC-O has a number of charities, which support the Department of Defense, Marine Corps and other branches of service, said Crenshaw.

"When we have charities out there that support our Marines and sailors as well as their families, and we are able to give back to those charities, I think it's a pretty big deal," said Crenshaw. "We want to make sure that our Marines know that."

There are several ways to contribute, including online pledge assistance and the traditional mail-in paper pledge form.

The CFC-O campaign will continue to run until Dec. 2. For more information on the program contact your local CFC community area project officer or visit [www.cfcoverseas.org](http://www.cfcoverseas.org).



**A CH-53E Sea Stallion with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 (Reinforced) prepares to land on the flight deck of the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS Essex in the Philippine Sea Sept. 28. HMM-265 will serve as part of the Aviation Combat Element with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit during its current deployment.**

*Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Terry Matlock*

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that I have been involved in," said Capt. Gary J. Windt, an AV-8B Harrier pilot with Marine Attack Squadron 211. "The air department on board Essex allowed us to do our jobs. Whether it's refueling, moving aircraft on the flight deck, or helping us move aircraft into the hangar bay, we are always working together to make sure everything is done right."

The ACE brings an extensive collection of attack, medium and heavy-lift helicopters, including AH-1Z Super Cobras, UH-1N Hueys, CH-53E Sea Stallions and CH-46E Sea Knights, and AV-8B Harrier jet aircraft.

As the U.S. Navy's only permanently forward-deployed amphibious assault ship, Essex regularly works with the 31st MEU to conduct exercises and operations in the Western Pacific region. The ACE fly-on allowed sailors in Essex's air department, like Seaman Michael Williams, an aviation boatswain's mate, to use their skills outside of a training environment.

"My job is very critical because I take down the fuel state, which is how the amount of fuel being used is measured, and how many souls are onboard the aircraft in the air," said Williams. "We have been working with the MEU every day, especially the Marine pilots. My job is a lot busier when the MEU is onboard, because we are constantly taking stats and looking in the air to keep track of all the aircraft."

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installations in the Pacific.

The establishment of the new Marine Corps Installations Command at Headquarters Marine Corps in Washington, D.C., will further refine performance measures, improve effectiveness, and reduce costs, said Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, the commanding general of MCB Camp Butler and commanding general of the newly activated MCIPAC, during his speech at the MCIPAC activation ceremony.

The new command will join Marine Corps Installations West and Marine Corps Installations East. All three will report to Marine Corps Installations Command.

"The new command structure will streamline processes, so the current personnel can better support these commands," said Talleri.

MCIPAC will ensure that requirements across the installations are met and good quality of life is maintained in order to keep faith with our Marines and sailors, said Talleri.

"MCIPAC will be the model of installation excellence," said Talleri. "This is an exciting time for the Marine Corps as we move installation support into a new direction. It's the right move for the Corps. My enthusiasm level is extremely high right now as I unfurl the colors of MCIPAC and close those of the proud legacy of MCBJ."



A Marine with Kilo Battery provides security en route to a simulated ambush site during the jungle skills course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center at Camp Gonsalves Sept. 29. The battery is from Camp Lejeune, N.C., and is currently assigned to 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, on Okinawa as part of the Marine Corps' Unit Deployment Program.

# Jungle Survival

Story and photos by Pfc. Mike Granahan  
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Marines with Kilo Battery regroup in the jungle near their simulated ambush site during the jungle skills course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center Sept. 29. During the course, the Marines learned basic jungle warfighting skills.



A Marine with Kilo Battery scans the jungle for targets during the Jungle Skills Course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center Sept. 29. During the course, the Marines set up a deliberate ambush on a simulated enemy.

## Camp Lejeune Marines traverse Okinawa jungle

Simulated ammunition snapped through the dense jungle vegetation as Marines with Kilo Battery conducted a simulated ambush during the jungle skills course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center at Camp Gonsalves Sept. 29.

The battery, from Camp Lejeune, N.C., is currently assigned to 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, on Okinawa as part of the Marine Corps' Unit Deployment Program.

Instructors acting as the opposing force provided realistic training for the Marines.

"It was nice to come out here and get realistic enemies and to be able to maneuver the way you would in an actual tactical situation," said Lance Cpl. Robert M. Newton, a fire direction controller with the battery.

The Marines moved through the rough jungle to the site where they set up an ambush on a simulated supply route.

The Marines considered their targets, patiently lying in wait as the majority of the enemy entered the kill zone, before opening fire.

"We set up our ambush, sat and waited for the enemy to roll through," said Newton. "The enemy

broke contact, and we buddy-rushed toward them, it was really good training."

This course is not intended to make Marines experts in a single week, but to familiarize them so they are proficient in jungle warfare, said Cpl. Caleb R. Smith, an instructor with the center.

After the firefight started, Marines shouted back and forth calling out enemy locations.

The Marines took casualties while pursuing the enemy, complicating their already serious problem. Eventually, instructors called the training to an end and spoke to the Marines about how they could have done better.

"It's a break from their normal job, and it's a good learning experience," said Smith. "They get to do stuff that they normally wouldn't do on a daily basis. They get to rappel, go through our land navigation course, learn how to patrol, and set up ambushes."

We are absolutely more knowledgeable than when we started, said Newton.

"It's not every day you get to take a whole unit out here and try something different," said Newton. "I recommend to any other units that are out there to lock this (training) on. It's definitely worth your time."





**Dennis Gamad, Recycle Center manager, inspects damage done to his car after an accident.**

*Photo illustration by Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning*

# How to properly handle an automobile accident

**Lance Cpl. Matthew J. Manning**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Driving on Okinawa is a privilege that not all service members are able to enjoy, and driving on Okinawa is much different than driving in the U.S. in many ways. However, all status of forces personnel and their families must understand the proper actions to take if involved in an automobile accident.

Being involved in an automobile accident with a member of the Okinawa community can damage the way service members stationed here are viewed, so it is important for service members to know what they need to do, according to Sgt. Matthew P. Nelson, a military policeman with the Accident Investigation Section of the Provost Marshal's Office, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

"After getting in an accident, the first thing you need to do is safely and immediately pull over to the side of the road and notify the proper authorities," said Nelson. "Proper authorities are military police and the Okinawa Prefectural Police. If the accident is with another service member, status of forces agreement personnel or a member of the Okinawa community, the military police need to be notified."

After the police arrive on the scene, those involved in the accident will be asked a series of questions.

"The first question asked when a call comes in is if there are any

injuries," said Nelson. "If there is an injury, we will then ensure an ambulance is on the way. After we determine if there are any injuries, we will proceed to gather information regarding the who, what, when and where of the accident."

Military police are not the only officials who are able to investigate the scene of an accident off base.

"When there is a car wreck the military police and our interpreter from the Accident Investigation Section will go to the scene to conduct an investigation with the Japanese police," said Ken Yakabi, a liaison specialist with the Okinawa Prefectural Police. "Japanese police will interview both drivers to find out what happened and why. They will also take pictures of the accident, measure skid marks and evaluate the damage to the vehicles."

If a member of the Okinawa community is involved in the wreck, the Japanese police will need to question the service member or status of forces agreement personnel.

"If a service member hits a pedestrian, then the Japanese police will need to conduct an interview at a later time," said Yakabi. "We coordinate with the police and the service member's chain of command to set up the interview. The fines a service member can face is determined (based on) the extent of the damage from the wreck or how badly the victim is injured."

Whenever there is an injury due to a wreck on Okinawa, it is considered a crime by the Japanese police.

## Remember you are an ambassador.

**If you are in an accident remember these procedures:**

- 1. Safely and immediately pull over to the side of the road**
- 2. Contact Military Police at 098-970-7441**
- 3. Contact the local police by dialing 110**
- 4. Remain on the scene for questioning**

"If a local community member sustains an injury in an accident, then it is a case of injury through negligent driving and our office makes sure the service member or SOFA member know their rights," said Lance Cpl. Shawn T. Ponterio, a legal services specialist with the Staff Judge Advocates Office, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Marine Corps Installations Pacific. "It is about going through the process of answering questions for the Japanese police."

Legal rights on Okinawa in the case of car accidents are similar to rights one would have in the U.S. For example, you do have the right to remain silent, but exercising these rights on Okinawa can be viewed as being uncooperative and make further questioning difficult for the individual.

With matters involving the Japanese police, it is important to try your best to be as cooperative as possible, added Ponterio.

"Your cooperation goes a long way and can impact any decision the police might make. PMO will generally notify us about what happens," said Ponterio. "We cannot tell someone how they should handle any questions that come up, but we make sure they know what their rights are when they

speak to the Japanese police."

According to Nelson, the island is divided into different jurisdictions.

"If you are in a wreck, as long as you are able to contact a base, even if it is in the wrong jurisdiction, military police will respond," Nelson said. "If you call the wrong jurisdiction, the process is only delayed a few minutes."

The worst thing you can do is try and cover up the accident by leaving the scene, according to Nelson.

Some consequences include fines, license revocation or suspension, vehicles could be towed, and service members could face non-judicial punishment, said Nelson.

The most important thing to remember if in an accident is to immediately call the proper authorities and inform them about the situation.

"We need to be on the scene to do a detailed report," said Nelson. "Do not get in a wreck and try to cover it up by fleeing the scene. Notify the authorities as soon as the wreck happens."

Phone numbers and procedures to call on and off base are located on the reverse side of every SOFA license. For additional information call 645-7441 or 098-970-7441.





**Pfc. Robert Wilkes, a combat engineer, assists in teaching students arithmetic during BIP '11 in Chittagong, Bangladesh, Sept. 28. Wilkes is with Engineer Operations Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Wing Support Group 17, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.**



**Lance Cpl. Jesse A. Case, a heavy-equipment operator, ties steel wire around rebar Sept. 21 in Chittagong, Bangladesh, to hold it in place. Case and other Marines have been participating in Bangladesh Interoperability Program 2011, a bilateral engineering civil-assistance project where III Marine Expeditionary Force Marines and elements of the Bangladesh Armed Forces Division have been expanding the second floor of a school. Case, with Engineer Operations Company, MWSS-172, said he is glad to be able to be part of this project and help the children here.**

# Idaho Marines build lasting impression

**Story and photos by Sgt. Megan Angel**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

**B**uilding a few extra classrooms for a tiny school in one of the most densely populated countries in the world may not seem like much, but for two Marines from Idaho, it has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Lance Cpl. Jesse Case, a heavy-equipment operator, and Pfc. Robert Wilkes, a combat engineer, both with Engineer Operations Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Wing Support Group 17, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, have been participating in Bangladesh Interoperability Program 2011, an

engineering civil assistance project in Chittagong, Bangladesh, since the beginning of September. They have been working with Bangladesh Armed Forces Division soldiers and local civilian contractors to build the second floor of a school.

For both Case and Wilkes, this is their first deployment since joining the Marine Corps less than 18 months ago, and it's a deployment in which few Marines have the opportunity to take part.

"I've always wanted to be a part of humanitarian efforts, even before I joined the Marine Corps," said Wilkes, a Pocatello, Idaho native. "To many people, this may seem like no big deal, but I can see in the kids' faces that they love having us

here and really appreciate what we are doing."

In the beginning, Wilkes said he was not sure what to expect. As the days turned into weeks, the Marines, Bangladeshi soldiers and contractors learned to understand each other better and work better together.

"I've never witnessed or been a part of anything like it in my life," said Wilkes. "It's been pretty intense at times, but it's definitely changed my whole mood on life."

Case, who is from the town of McCammon, Idaho, can relate very well to the small area where the school is located. McCammon has a population of about 865 people.

"Building up this school really

does seem like such a small thing, but for the people here, it is a big deal," said Case. "I'm glad to be able to be a part of the (project) and help the people here."

Being able to see and interact with people from another country and culture has been an unforgettable experience, Case said.

"I always have fun talking with the soldiers and learning some of their language," Case said. "It's interesting to learn about their military life too."

Case and Wilkes both agree the deployment has been unlike anything they've ever done before and look forward to participating in more exercises like BIP '11 in the future.



**Lance Cpl. Steven Ochoa, a fuel truck operator, applies fuel paste to a measuring roll to determine the amount of fuel in the fuel tanks at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Sept. 27. Bulk fuel specialists process about 20,000 to 30,000 gallons of fuel daily. Ochoa is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, MCAS Futenma. Photo by Lance Cpl. Michael Iams**

## Fueling Marine Corps aviation

**Lance Cpl. Michael Iams**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

**M**arine Corps aviation has been a successful and essential element of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force by providing transportation and close air support to its ground forces. However, without fuel, the aircraft would not have the ability to provide these important capabilities.

For a small group of Marines and sailors aboard Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, ensuring the availability and quality of fuel is an important daily task.

A bulk fuel specialist's primary mission is to install, operate, maintain and repair fuel-handling units and accessory equipment, and test petroleum products.

"Bulk fuel specialists provide an essential capability to Futenma," said Maj. Jeffrey D. Lee, MCAS Futenma airfield operations officer. "They provide fuel services to our tenant and transient aircraft via hot or cold refueling."

Cold refueling is accomplished when the aircraft's engines are shut down, and hot refueling is accomplished when the engines are running, according to Sgt. Nathan J. Davis, a crew leader with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, MCAS Futenma.

Bulk fuel specialists receive anywhere from

five to 45 fuel-related requests and process about 20,000 to 30,000 gallons of fuel daily.

Along with refueling, bulk fuel specialists are also responsible for defueling aircraft by extracting unused fuel from the aircraft to be reused.

"When we defuel an aircraft, we go and get the samples from the unit first then after we know their fuel is good, we go and defuel them," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Serafin Garcia, a bulk fuel specialist with H&HS. "We get about 500 to 800 gallons of fuel from defueling an aircraft."

Bulk fuel specialists proved their worth during Operation Tomodachi, a combined-joint, Japan-U.S. humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operation to support Japanese victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake. During the operation, bulk fuel specialists serviced about 540 aircraft and processed more than 470,000 gallons of fuel.

"Operation Tomodachi was a lot more demanding for us because we had (KC-130J Hercules cargo aircraft) going in and out constantly," said Lance Cpl. Sean M. Caldwell, a bulk fuel specialist with H&HS.

The Marines perform an outstanding job, working 12-hour shifts and giving 100 percent effort in what they do, said Staff Sgt. Rigoberto Ramirez, a quality control and operations chief with H&HS.

"The job these Marines perform is a supporting job," said Lee. "Without fuels planes can't fly."



# Marines find new way to practice tactics

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Kris Daberkoe

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Nearly 50 chess and poker players shuffled decks of cards and arranged game pieces during a chess and Texas Hold'em tournament at The Palms Club on Camp Hansen Oct. 1.

The event allowed participants the opportunity of entering into either poker or chess tournaments, said Alexander F. Demitras, club operations assistant with The Palms Club.

Chess and poker are good games to build a military mindset, said Demitras, who works with service members daily.

"You have to think three moves ahead of your opponent or you're toast," he added.

The tournaments were open to all status of forces agreement personnel.

Participants in the chess tournament played until they lost twice, while the poker players were eliminated when they ran out of poker chips.

"Everyone walks from the table a winner," said Paul N. Lane, a poker participant. "It's the equal social environment that draws people to play. You can be a businessman making \$100,000 a year and your odds of winning at poker will be the same as a school teacher who makes \$50,000.

It makes for some interesting conversations."

Whether competing against a circle of opponents in poker or facing off one-on-one in chess, each contest requires patience, strategy, foresight and luck, said Edwin G. Vargas, a participant.

"It's important to know how to read your opponent's body language and try and pick up on their strategy," said Vargas.

Poker tournaments are hosted every weekend at the different enlisted clubs on island, while chess tournaments are held less frequently, according to Demitras.

"Hosting tournaments like this is one of the ways that we look to help Marines stay entertained," said Demitras.

The poker tournament ended in a tie between Lane and Abel H. Rosario, while Nickolas A. Wolff took home first-place honors in chess.

"It was a good time," said Rosario. "The only way that this tournament would've gone better is if I could play chess and poker at the same time."



A Marine shuffles a deck of playing cards before dealing to the participants of a Texas Hold'em tournament at The Palms Club on Camp Hansen Oct. 1. A tournament takes place every weekend at different enlisted clubs throughout Okinawa.

Participants face off during a chess and Texas Hold'em tournament at The Palms Club on Camp Hansen Oct. 1. "Hosting tournaments like this is one of the ways that we look to help Marines stay entertained," said Alexander F. Demitras, club operations assistant with The Palms Club.





# In Theaters Now

**OCTOBER 7 - 13**

## FOSTER

**TODAY** Dolphin Tale (PG), 6 p.m.; Cowboys & Aliens (PG13), 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Winnie The Pooh (G), noon; Zookeeper (PG), 3 p.m.; Cowboys & Aliens (PG13), 6 p.m.; Bucky Larson: Born To Be a Star (R), 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Zookeeper (PG), 1 p.m.; Cowboys & Aliens (PG13), 4 p.m.; What's Your Number? (R), 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Winnie The Pooh (G), 1 p.m.; Cowboys & Aliens (PG13), 4 p.m.; Captain America: First Avenger (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** The Change-Up (R), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** The Change-Up (R), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** What's Your Number? (R), 7 p.m.

## FUTENMA

**TODAY** Captain America: First Avenger (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** What's Your Number? (R), 4 and 7 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG13), 4 p.m.; Captain America: First Avenger (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Straw Dogs (R), 6:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

## KADENA

**TODAY** Cowboys & Aliens (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Change-Up (R), 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Dolphin Tale (PG), noon and 3 p.m.; Cowboys & Aliens (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Change-Up (R), 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Dolphin Tale (PG), 1 and 4 p.m.; Cowboys & Aliens (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Dolphin Tale (PG13), 3 p.m.; The Change-Up (R), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Straw Dogs, (R), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** Straw Dogs (R), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** The Change-Up (R), 7 p.m.

## COURTNEY

**TODAY** What's Your Number? (R), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG13), 2 p.m.; Captain America: First Avenger (PG13), 6 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG13), 2 p.m.; Straw Dogs (R), 6 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Captain America: First Avenger (PG13), 6 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Closed  
**WEDNESDAY** Dolphin Tale (PG), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Closed

## KINSER

**TODAY** Cowboys & Aliens (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Cowboys & Aliens (PG13), 3 p.m.; The Change-Up (R), 6:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Cowboys & Aliens (PG13), 3 p.m.; The Change-Up (R), 6:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Closed  
**TUESDAY** Closed  
**WEDNESDAY** What's Your Number? (R), 6:30 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** The Change-Up (R), 6:30 p.m.

## HANSEN

**TODAY** The Change-Up (R), 7 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Straw Dogs (R), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Cowboys & Aliens (PG13), 2 p.m.; The Change-Up (R), 5:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY** What's Your Number? (R), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** What's Your Number? (R), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** Cowboys & Aliens (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Dolphin Tale (PG), 7 p.m.

## SCHWAB

**TODAY** Straw Dogs (R), 7 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Captain America: First Avenger (PG13), 5 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG13), 5 p.m.  
**MONDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

## THEATER DIRECTORY

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## SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

For more information or to sign up, contact the Single Marine Program at 645-3681.

### SMP NEW REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING: OCT. 17

• New SMP representatives should attend the New Representative Training at 3 p.m. at the SMP main office in building 5674 on Camp Foster.

### SMP ULTIMATE FRISBEE SHOWDOWN: OCT. 22-23

• The Ultimate Frisbee Showdown will be held on the CFT Field on Camp Foster. Each team must have a minimum of 2 single Marines or sailors. Sign up deadline is Oct. 14.

### WHITE BEACH PAINTBALL TRIP (SOUTHERN CAMPS): OCT. 22

• The bus will leave Camp Kinser Semper Fit Gym at 9:55 a.m., MCAS Futenma Semper Fit Gym at 10:15 a.m. and the Camp Foster Fieldhouse at 10:30 a.m. Sign up deadline is Oct. 14.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

• **Kinser Elementary School Fall Fest:** Volunteer to assist at the Kinser Elementary School Fall Fest Oct. 14 from 4:30-9 p.m.

• **Zukeran Elementary School Fall Fest:** Volunteer to assist at the Zukeran Elementary School Fall Fest Oct. 21 from 2:30-6:30 p.m.

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## Japanese phrase of the week:

“Sa-goi” (pronounced sah-goy)  
 It means, “awesome!”



**Sept. 26 - 30**

### RIFLE RANGE

Sgt. Daniel S. Phillips  
 MCB, 338

### PISTOL RANGE

Sgt. David Baldus  
 MLG, 378



## CHAPLAINS' CORNER

*Our daily work actually fits into a larger picture, something with purpose that we can fail to see when our vision becomes too narrowly focused.*

## Pondering comical wisdom

### Navy Lt. Christopher Allen

CAMP FOSTER'S H&S BATTALION CHAPLAIN

As a child, I remember seeing an animated bit featuring the voices of Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks. It had originated as a stand-up routine called “The Two Thousand Year-Old Man.” Brooks is known, among other things, for the movies Blazing Saddles and Young Frankenstein. Reiner has appeared in or directed dozens of mostly comedic TV shows and films.

In the famous skit in question, Carl Reiner interviews Mel Brooks, the two-thousand-year-old man. The interview was full of predictable questions like, “Are you really two thousand years old?” and “What was life like two thousand years ago?” However, the answers were not always quite what one would expect. The ones that have always stuck in my head are: “(Plastic) Wrap,” “hitting the ground with a stick,” and “eat a nectarine.” They were all answers to the questions, “What do you think is the greatest invention of all time?”, “What was a good job two thousand years ago?”

and “How have you been able to live so long?”

Although the answers are absurd, like most good comedy, they also contain a certain amount of wisdom, whether intentional or not. What comes to mind for you as the greatest invention of all time? How about just the greatest thing you've done in your life? Like plastic wrap, it might be something humble, even something no one took much notice of. But if it was something that you valued and changed your life, then it's the greatest.

What about your job? Sometimes it may seem as futile as hitting the ground with a stick. But unlike the two-thousand-year-old man's, our daily work actually fits into a larger picture, something with purpose that we can fail to see when our vision becomes too narrowly focused.

Finally, how do you live a long and healthy life? Substituting a nectarine for your next doughnut wouldn't hurt. You may not live to be two thousand years-old, but who knows? It could add an extra few days, days that somewhere down the road will be more precious than you dreamed.

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